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Commissioner Lee moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 10

and insert:

Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State Constitution
are

After line 50

insert:

SECTION 4. Quorum and procedure.—

(a) A majority of the membership of each house shall



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12 constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day
13 to day and compel the presence of absent members in such manner
14 and under such penalties as it may prescribe. Each house shall
15 determine its rules of procedure.

16 (b) Sessions of each house shall be public; except sessions
17 of the senate when considering appointment to or removal from
18 public office may be closed.

19 (c) Each house shall keep and publish a journal of its
20 proceedings; and upon the request of five members present, the
21 vote of each member voting on any question shall be entered on
22 the journal. In any legislative committee or subcommittee, the
23 vote of each member voting on the final passage of any
24 legislation pending before the committee, and upon the request
25 of any two members of the committee or subcommittee, the vote of
26 each member on any other question, shall be recorded.

27 (d) Each house may punish a member for contempt or
28 disorderly conduct and, by a two-thirds vote of its membership,
29 may expel a member.

30 (e) The rules of procedure of each house shall provide that
31 all legislative committee and subcommittee meetings of each
32 house, and joint conference committee meetings, shall be open
33 and noticed to the public. The rules of procedure of each house
34 shall further provide that all prearranged gatherings, between
35 more than two members of the legislature, or between the
36 governor, the president of the senate, or the speaker of the
37 house of representatives, the purpose of which is to agree upon
38 formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent
39 time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding
40 pending legislation or amendments, shall be reasonably open to



41 the public. All open meetings shall be subject to order and
42 decorum. This section shall be implemented and defined by the
43 rules of each house, and such rules shall control admission to
44 the floor of each legislative chamber and may, where reasonably
45 necessary for security purposes or to protect a witness
46 appearing before a committee, provide for the closure of
47 committee meetings. Each house shall be the sole judge for the
48 interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this
49 subsection ~~section~~.

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51 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete lines 2 - 5

54 and insert:

55 Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State
56 Constitution to provide that the Legislature convene
57 for regular session on the second Tuesday after the
58 first Monday in January of each even-numbered year and
59 to revise the role of each house as the sole judge for
60 the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of
61 provisions governing quorum and procedure.